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In re Patent Application of )

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For: USE OF CINNAMIC ACID OR OF ITS )  
DERIVATIVES IN A COSMETIC )  
FIRMING COMPOSITION )

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel Claim 1, and add new Claims 27-51, as follows.

- 27. (new) A cosmetic composition suitable for firming of the skin which comprises an amount of cinnamic acid or a derivative thereof effective to provide for firming of the skin and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable carrier therefor.

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